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TRADE WITH CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has revealed a steep growth in major manufactured goods imported from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) China's share in imports to India from 2001-02 and 2006-07;

(d) India's share in exports to China during the above period;

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government to increase India's share in exports to China?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) As per the Joint Task Force report on examining feasibility of Indo-China RTA, the average growth rate for India's imports from China is reported at 43.97% p.a. during 2001-2006, which is twice the corresponding average growth rate of India's imports from the world reported at 21.89% p.a. during 2001-2006. Further the report has brought out that the Chinese exports mainly comprise of manufactured and value-added items.

(c) The table shows India's share of exports to China:

Year	Percentage share of exports to China to India's total exports
2001	2.14
2002	2.50
2003	4.32
2004	5.31
2005	7.13
2006	6.78
2007	6.56

Source: World Trade Atlas

(d) The table below shows India's share in overall Chinese imports:

Year	Percentage share of imports from India to China's total imports
2001	0.79
2002	0.75
2003	0.94
2004	1.56
2005	1.74
2006	1.32
2007	1.55

Source: World Trade Atlas

(e) Various seminars/ commodity fairs are being organised to boost the trade between both the countries.Besides, in the Joint Working Group meetings, India is raising issues regarding market access in specific sectors.The JTF negotiations to examine feasibility of Indo-China RTA, which were concluded in October 2007, are also a step in that direction.